



TEAM HOUSTON – 2012 Intercity Team Selection Process

(for Juvies, Midgets, Bantams, Pee Wees, and Tykes)

PSAOT is a part of an Inter-City umbrella organization called the Filipino Basketball Association of North America (FBANA) that holds their annual Inter-City basketball tournament every Labor Day Weekend since 2005. PSAOT sponsored teams are known as “TEAM HOUSTON” when we attend the annual FBANA tournament. Currently, there are 13 cities involved with FBANA: Austin/San Antonio, Chicago, Durham, Glendale Heights (city outside of Chicago), Houston, Mississauga (city outside of Toronto), New Jersey, New York City, Toronto, Vaughan (city outside of Toronto), Windsor, Winnipeg, and Washington D.C. FBANA cities rotate as hosts for the tournament and Vaughan will be hosting this year for the 8th annual FBANA Inter-City Labor Day Basketball Tournament the weekend of September 1-2, 2012!

Due to the growth of our PSAOT youth league, and public interest since hosting the FBANA tournament last year, we developed criteria that players will be graded on for our selection process. The officers of PSAOT, PSAOT Youth League Directors, and Head Coach per team will make up the selection committee. Please note, this year’s selection process differs from last year’s. Traveling with the team internationally has many different costs and responsibilities, compared to hosting the tournament. We want to be upfront and set the expectations for each player, and his/her family. Each Player will be graded on the following:

- 1) The player must be at least ¼ of Filipino descent, and is able to prove it with Birth Certificate(s). (Parent’s Birth Certificate will be necessary to verify ½ of Filipino descent)
- 2) The player must participate in at least one of our PSAOT Youth/Collegiate Basketball Leagues.
- 3) If the player has not participated in the PSAOT Youth or Collegiate League, the player must have prior experience and attend an Open Gym/Try-out evaluation.
- 4) The player must commit to Practices EVERY SATURDAY during the summer, in preparation for the tournament.
- 5) The Player and/or family must personally commit to traveling to Canada, and commit to the paperwork and costs associated with international travel. For example, Passports, air fare, power of attorney (if parent is not traveling), Hotel rooms, transportation, etc...
- 6) The Player must commit to fundraising for his/her team. Each team will be assigned a fundraising budget, and each player will be expected to raise funds to meet that budget. Failure to do so may result in losing your spot on the team, and if multiple players fail to fundraise, the entire team may forfeit from the tournament.
- 7) The Player will also be graded on the number of Fundraisers he/she participates in.
- 8) The Player will be graded on skill level. We want to be competitive, and bring the best possible team to the tournament. We would like to bring 10 players per team. Any number higher than that results in reduced playing time for everyone. We feel it’s not fair for players who don’t get to play as much (or ride the bench), to travel that far, with the financial obligations.
 - a. **When are the players evaluated?** ALL THE TIME, at every game, and Open gyms. The most important thing is to just play the game, learn from mistakes, and always improve your game.
 - b. **Do I need to attend a tryout?** There may be divisions where a team tryout is needed for further evaluation. We have a lot of talented players to choose from. The Selection Committee will let those players know, who need further evaluation.
 - c. **What are we graded on?** Everything from ball handling, passing, shooting, conditioning, knowledge of the game, defense, and agility... to teamwork, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and being a team player/leader.

**The results of the evaluations are for internal use for PSAOT Officers, and will NOT be made public.*